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## Breach Of Promise Action Pends In British Court

Application By Counsel For Plaintiff Follows Failure Of Mr. Sansom To File Defence; 10 Days' Extension Of Time Given

A breach of promise action in H.M. Supreme Court, the parties being Miss Nadia Vassilevsky and Abraham Sansom, sub-inspector of the S.M.P., was the subject of an application before Judge Grant Jones yesterday when Mr. K. E. Newman, for the plaintiff, asked for judgment to be entered in favour of his client by default, the defendant having failed to file his statement of defence within the specified period.

It was later agreed that an extension of time for 10 days should be granted, Mr. H. A. Reeks, who is representing Mr. Sansom in the case, explaining that his client was in the Country Hospital, recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Newman stated that his client was strictly entitled to enter judgment for the amount of the claim and costs, but he was content to ask for the delivery of the defence within seven days and for the costs of the present application, in any event.

Mr. Reeks said he was surprised by the application, as he was under the impression that Mr. Newman did not intend to press the motion. It was his submission that counsel could agree between themselves upon an extension of time, and he had received a letter from Mr. Newman, written on July 18, which asked for delivery of the defence within seven days, which gave him until July 25 to comply, that was to say, Saturday.

### Visit To Hospital

He had been unable to take full instructions from Mr. Sansom, as he was in hospital. Counsel was not expected to visit a hospital to get instructions.

Judge Grant Jones: It is more your duty to visit a hospital than that a rule of court should be broken.

Mr. Newman said that it was very difficult to get instructions from his client, as he had been advised by Mr. Sansom that Mr. Sansom had been advised by his medical attendant that he must remain in hospital for at least another week.

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Mr. Newman: I have got instructions from my client, and I am going to get them from him again.

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